(b) The Central Ground Water Board is responsible for carrying out survey and assessment of ground water resources in various parts of the country and assisting the States and Union Territories in developing broad policy guidelines for development and management of ground water resources including their conservation, augmentation and protection from pollution and regulation of extraction and conjunctive use of surface and ground water resources.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Central Ground Water Board through its field offices located in various States has been maintaining liaison with various Departments and Agencies of State Governments dealing with ground water for taking suitable measures for proper development and management of ground water resources. Besides, the Central Ground Water Authority has written to the State Governments and held meetings with their representatives at various levels to tackle the problem related with ground water.

(d) and (e) The steps taken by the Government to conserve and preserve the quality of ground water include:—

(1) Setting up of Central Ground Water Authority by the Central Government for regulation in control of ground water management and development.

(2) Circulation of a Model Bill to the States/ Union Territories to enable them to enact the suitable legislation for regular and control of ground water development.

(3) Launching of mass awareness and education programme on the significance of efficient utilisation economy in consumption, maintaining quality of ground water and protecting it from pollution.

Japanese Aided Irrigation Projects in Orissa

2168. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japanese aid has been received by Government for the execution of Upper Kolab and Upper Indravati irrigation projects in Orissa;

(b) if so, the total amount of aid received from Japan for implementing these irrigation projects;

(c) the progress of these projects as on date; and

(d) by which year these projects would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Total Amount of Aid Committed By OECF Japan (Million Yen)	Progress of utilisation of Aid (Million Yen)	Date of Completion of the Project
1.	Upper Kolab Irrigation Project	3769.00	3113.693	20.07.98
2.	Upper Indravati Irrigation Project	3744.00	3375.383	20.01.99

World Bank funded Irrigation Projects

2169. SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the World Bank funded irrigation projects executed in Orissa at present and progress of each project as on date;

(b) the expected time of completion of those projects; and

(c) the fund allocation made for those projects, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) Orissa Water Resources

Consolidation Project is the only irrigation project under execution with the World Bank funds in the State of Orissa. The progress, fund allocation and the expected time of completion of the project is as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Fund allocation As per agreement (US$Million)	Fund allocated so far (Rs. Million) Expenditure upto 3 / 98	Provision during 1998-99	Total upto 31.3.98	Date of Completion
1.	Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project (Credit No. 2801-IN)	290.90	386.79	2070.20	5939.91 (US $ 142 Million)	31.03.2002

विदिशा में सिंचाई परियोजनाएं

2170. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या विदिशा (मध्य प्रदेश) की बाह एवं सघड़ सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के संबंध में अपेक्षित जानकारी केन्द्र सरकार को प्राप्त हो गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो केन्द्र सरकार ने उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की है; यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है; और

(ग) इन परियोजनाओं के संबंध में अंतिम निर्णय लेने में क्या रुकावटें हैं और इस संबंध में अंतिम निर्णय कब तक ले लिया जाएगा?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोमपाल): (क) से (ग) राज्य ने सघड़ सिंचाई स्कीम केन्द्र को प्रस्तुत नहीं की है। बाह सिंचाई परियोजना योजना आयोग द्वारा 13.5.80 को मूलत: अनुमोदित की गई थी। तथापि, राज्य ने मार्च, 1984 के दौरान संशोधित परियोजना प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किया था। इस संशोधित प्रस्ताव की तकनीकी सलाहकार समिति द्वारा 12.4.1988 को हुई दूसरी बैठक में जांच की गई और उसे स्वीकार्य पाया गया। बशर्ते कि इसे राज्य वित्त विभाग को सहमति और वन दृष्टि से स्वीकृति प्राप्त हो। चूंकि राज्य सरकार की अनुपालना एक वर्ष से अधिक समय से लंबित है, इसलिए इस परियोजना को अगस्त, 1991 में राज्य को लौटा दिया गया।

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1997-98) of National Information Centre Service Inc. New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and accounts (1997-98) of Indian Statistical Institute, Construction Industry Development Council, Regional Computer Centre and Annual Plan (1997- 98) and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION.

(SHRI RAM NAIK): Sir, I lay on the Table:—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Informatics Centre Service Inc. New Delhi, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

[Placed in Library *see* no. LT-1931 / 98]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Sixty-sixth Annual Report of the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, for the year 1997-98.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.